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Even though God knew where Adam was, He still called out to him and asked. There are times when God asks people questions that He **already** knows the answers to.

- **Genesis 3:9:** "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"

When God commanded Noah to build the ark, his three sons were **already** married.

- **Genesis 6:18:** "But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee."

The concept of clean and unclean animals didn't start with the Mosaic Law. There were **already** recognized clean and unclean animals in the days before the Flood.

- **Genesis 7:2:** "Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female."

The reason Abraham interceded on behalf of Sodom (a city he had **already** saved once before when it was invaded by a coalition of kings) was to save any righteous people who might be in the city, so they weren't killed when Sodom was destroyed.

- **Genesis 18:23:** "And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?"

Abimelech asked Abraham to promise by God that he wouldn't deal falsely with him. (Abraham had **already** dealt falsely with him once before, when he lied about his relationship with Sarah.)

- **Genesis 21:23:** "Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned."

When God commanded Abraham to kill Isaac, Isaac was the only child he had left. (This is because Abraham had **already** sent Ishmael away.)

- **Genesis 22:2:** "And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."
- **Genesis 22:12:** "And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

When Isaac moved to the valley of Gerar, there were other herdmen **already** there.

- **Genesis 26:20:** "And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him."

Isaac told Esau that he was too late. His blessing had **already** been given to Jacob.

- **Genesis 27:33:** "And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed."

Isaac told Esau that he had no blessing left to give Esau because he had **already** given it to Jacob.

- **Genesis 27:37:** "And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?"

When Rachel asked Leah for some of the mandrakes, Leah said that Rachel had **already** taken her husband, and now she was trying to take her mandrakes as well.

- **Genesis 30:15:** "And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes."

Laban didn't want Jacob to marry any other women besides his two daughters. (Either Laban didn't know that Jacob had **already** married Rachel and Leah's two handmaids, or else that didn't count in Laban's view.)

- **Genesis 31:50:** "If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man

is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee."

When Jacob told Esau that all the animals Esau had encountered were a gift intended to buy his favor, Esau told him that he **already** had enough possessions.

- **Genesis 33:9:** "And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself."

When Joseph's brothers saw him approaching, they decided to kill him. (Since Simeon and Levi had **already** massacred all the males in the town of Shechem, murdering their brother wasn't a big step for them.)

- **Genesis 37:18:** "And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him."

When Jacob moved to Egypt, his sons **already** had sons and daughters of their own.

- **Genesis 46:7:** "His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt."

When Benjamin moved from Canaan to Egypt, he **already** had ten sons of his own.

- **Genesis 46:21:** "And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard."

Joseph told the people in Pharaoh's household that his father Jacob had **already** prepared a grave for himself in Canaan, and that's where he wanted to be buried.

- **Genesis 50:5:** "My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again."

When Jacob moved to Egypt he had 70 descendants. (However, Joseph, Manasseh, and Ephraim were **already** in Egypt.)

- **Exodus 1:5:** "And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already."

Moses told God that he shouldn't go to Pharaoh because he wasn't eloquent. However, God had **already** told him that Pharaoh wouldn't free the Israelites until God performed His wonders in Egypt. This means the eloquence of Moses didn't matter.

- **Exodus 4:10:** "And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue."

When God spoke to Moses, Aaron was **already** on his way to see Moses.

- **Exodus 4:14:** "And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy

brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart."

After Moses and Aaron told Pharaoh that a plague of locusts was coming, Pharaoh's servants told Pharaoh that Egypt had been destroyed by the plagues that had **already** happened.

- **Exodus 10:7**: "And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?"

When the Israelites left Egypt, Joseph was **already** dead.

- **Exodus 13:19**: "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you."

Moses thought that since he had **already** told the Israelites to not come up the mountain, they would listen and didn't need to be told again.

- **Exodus 19:23**: "And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it."

Under the Mosaic Law, an attack on an unborn child was considered just as serious as an attack on someone who had **already** been born.

- **Exodus 21:22-23:** "If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,"

Under the Mosaic Law, no one was allowed to dedicate the firstborn of their animals to the Lord. This is because they **already** belonged to Him.

- **Leviticus 27:26:** "Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox, or sheep: it is the LORD's."

When it was time to move the tabernacle, Aaron and his sons were commanded to cover the shewbread table (which was **already** covered by a scarlet cloth) with a covering of badger skins.

- **Numbers 4:7-8:** "And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon: And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof."

When it was time to move the tabernacle, Aaron and his sons were to commanded cover the candlestick and all of its related items (which were **already** wrapped in a blue cloth) with a covering of badger skins.

- **Numbers 4:9-10:** "And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it: And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar."

When it was time to move the tabernacle, Aaron and his sons were commanded to cover the altar of incense (which was **already** wrapped in a blue cloth) with badger skins.

- **Numbers 4:11:** "And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:"

Moses claimed he had been taking care of the entire nation of Israel alone. Yet he had **already** taken his father-in-law's advice to appoint people to help him, so this seems to have been an exaggeration.

- **Numbers 11:14:** "I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me."

After God struck Miriam with leprosy (as punishment for criticizing Moses), Aaron compared Miriam to someone who was born with half of their flesh **already** gone.

- **Numbers 12:12:** "Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb."

When Moses commanded Aaron to make atonement for the

people in order to stop the plague that God had sent, Aaron saw that the plague had **already** begun.

- **Numbers 16:47:** "And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people."

Even though Aaron acted quickly and ran out to make atonement for the people, by the time he stopped the plague it had **already** killed 14,700 people.

- **Numbers 16:49:** "Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah."

The night the second set of messengers came to Balaam, God told Balaam the only thing he could say was what He told him to say. (God had **already** told Balaam that he wasn't allowed to curse the Israelites).

- **Numbers 22:20:** "And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do."

When Balak asked Balaam why he hadn't come the first time the king called him, Balaam ignored the question and said he would say whatever words God put in his mouth. (However, Balaam didn't tell the king the extremely important fact that God had **already** forbidden Balaam from cursing Israel, which meant the king wasn't going to get what he wanted.)

- **Numbers 22:38:** "And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am

come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak."

Before the Israelites crossed the Jordan river and began the conquest of Canaan, God had **already** given them the land. It was theirs.

- **Numbers 27:12:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel."

By the time God told Moses to go up mount Abarim and look at the land of Canaan, Aaron was **already** dead.

- **Numbers 27:13:** "And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered."

The tribes of Reuben and Gad (and half of the tribe of Manasseh) didn't want land on the west side of the Jordan river because the land they had **already** conquered on the east side of the Jordan river was perfect for raising cattle.

- **Numbers 32:2, 5:** "The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, ... Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan."

Moses wanted the Israelites to grow even more numerous

than they **already** were. He wanted them to grow from millions of people to billions of people.

- **Deuteronomy 1:11:** "(The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)"

When Moses gave territory to the tribes of Reuben and Gad, the Israelites had **already** conquered that territory and possessed it.

- **Deuteronomy 3:12:** "And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites."

Before Joshua invaded Canaan, he had **already** seen God give Israel victory over the kingdoms of Sihon and Og.

- **Deuteronomy 3:21:** "And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest."

By the time Moses taught the next generation of Israelites God's commandments, the Lord had **already** destroyed other nations from before them (such as Sihon and Og).

- **Deuteronomy 8:20:** "As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God."

On the day that Moses taught the next generation of Israelites God's commandments, he testified that if they forgot God and worshiped other gods then the Lord would destroy them, just as He destroyed the other nations that Israel had **already** conquered.

- **Deuteronomy 8:20:** "As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God."

God had **already** told the Israelites that He was going to be with them, and would drive out the Canaanites and defeat them.

- **Deuteronomy 9:3:** "Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee."

When God told the previous generation of Israelites to go up to the promised land, He had **already** given it to them. (Yet they rejected it anyway and tried to return to slavery in Egypt.)

- **Deuteronomy 9:23:** "Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice."

Moses told the Israelites that God had **already** promised them that if they obeyed Him then He would fill their enemies with fear.

- **Deuteronomy 11:25:** "There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you."

Moses told the Israelites that God had **already** promised that they would be His people.

- **Deuteronomy 26:18:** "And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments;"

Moses told the Israelites that God had **already** promised that He would elevate them above all other nations and make them a holy people to Him.

- **Deuteronomy 26:19:** "And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken."

The Israelites didn't need someone to go up to heaven, or go beyond the sea, to fetch God's commandments so that they could hear it and obey it. This is because Moses had **already** given it to them.

- **Deuteronomy 30:12-14:** "It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it

beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it."

God had **already** told the Israelites that Joshua was going to be their new leader, and would lead them across the Jordan river into Canaan.

- **Deuteronomy 31:3:** "The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, and he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath said."

Moses told the next generation of Israelites that God would do to the nations of Canaan what He had **already** done to Sihon and Og.

- **Deuteronomy 31:4:** "And the LORD shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he destroyed."

Joshua commanded the officers of Israel to give a special message to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half of the tribe of Manasseh, who had **already** received their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan river. (They were commanded to fight the Canaanites with the rest of the tribes of Israel, and would only be allowed to return home after the other tribes received their inheritance.)

- **Joshua 1:12-15:** "And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, Remember the word which Moses the servant of

the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; Until the Lord have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the Lord your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising."

Babylon **already** existed when Joshua invaded Canaan.

- **Joshua 7:21:** "When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it."

Achan was burned with fire **after** he had been stoned. This means he was already dead when he was burned.

- **Joshua 7:25:** "And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones."

When Joshua went to AI, he sent an additional 5,000 men to join the ambush party that was **already** in place.

- **Joshua 8:12:** "And he took about five thousand men, and

set them to lie in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city."

The city of Jerusalem **already** existed when the Israelites invaded Canaan.

- **Joshua 10:1:** "Now it came to pass, when Adonizedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;"

When Joshua cast lots before the Lord to divide the promised land among the tribes, he did it in Shiloh (where the tabernacle had **already** been set up).

- **Joshua 18:8:** "And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh."

God used Deborah to tell Barak to do what He had **already** commanded Barak to do (wage war against Sisera).

- **Judges 4:6:** "And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?"

By the time Barak found Sisera, he was **already** dead.

- **Judges 4:22:** "And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples."

When Gideon asked for the sign of the fleece, he **already** knew that God had promised to use him to save Israel. This means his request for a sign demonstrated a lack of faith in God's promise.

- **Judges 6:36:** "And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,"

When Gideon waged war against the Midianites, he **already** had a firstborn son.

- **Judges 8:20:** "And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth."

When the Ammonites waged war against the Israelites, the elders of Gilead **already** knew Jephthah.

- **Judges 11:5:** "And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob:"

The angel of God told Manoah that his wife must do everything he had **already** told her to do (concerning her unborn son Samson).

- **Judges 13:13:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware."

The people from the tribe of Dan (who had just robbed Micah) asked Micah why he had chased after them. They said this even though they **already** knew the reason, since they had just robbed him and he was very upset about it.

- **Judges 18:23:** "And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?"

When the tribe of Dan received their inheritance in the promised land, they were **already** thieves, murderers, and idolaters. That tribe was wicked and corrupt, and cared nothing for God or His commands.

- **Judges 18:25:** "And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household."

The reason the sons of Eli (Hophni and Phinehas) didn't repent when Eli rebuked them was because God had **already** decided to kill them. (In other words, God hardened them so they wouldn't repent and be saved.)

- **1 Samuel 2:25:** "If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them."

God told Samuel that He had **already** told Eli that He was going to judge Eli's house forever because his sons had made themselves vile, and Eli didn't restrain them.

- **1 Samuel 3:13:** "For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."

By the time Saul was in his second year as king over Israel, his son Jonathan was **already** an adult and was leading men to war.

- **1 Samuel 13:1-2:** "Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent."

Before God sent Samuel to anoint David as king of Israel, God had **already** rejected Saul.

- **1 Samuel 16:1:** "And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons."

There are times when God tells people to go do something, but He doesn't give them all the details until after they've obeyed the steps that He's **already** given them.

- **1 Samuel 16:3:** "And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee."

Saul had no intention of giving up his throne, even though God had **already** taken it from him and he had no right to be reigning at all.

- **1 Samuel 18:8:** "And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?"

Jonathan told David that Saul wanted to kill him. (However, David should have **already** known this because Saul had already tried to kill him twice.)

- **1 Samuel 19:2:** "But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:"

Even though Saul had **already** tried to kill David twice when he had an evil spirit upon him, David continued to play his harp for the king. He did this even though Saul was armed with a deadly weapon, and even though he knew Saul had commanded both his son and his servants to kill him.

- **1 Samuel 19:9:** "And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand."

Saul told Jonathan that as long as David was alive, Jonathan's kingdom wouldn't be established. (Yet God had **already** taken the kingdom away from both Saul and Jonathan.)

- **1 Samuel 20:31:** "For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die."

When David told his men that he wanted them to smite the Philistines who were attacking Keilah, they said they were **already** afraid as it was. If they went to Keilah and battled the Philistines then they would be even more afraid.

- **1 Samuel 23:3:** "And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?"

When David inquired of God, he didn't ask if he should kill Saul (who had **already** slaughtered an entire town, and who was now on his way to slaughter another one). Instead he asked if the residents of Keilah would betray him.

- **1 Samuel 23:11:** "Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down."

When Saul went into the cave that was in the wilderness of Engedi, David and his men were **already** in that cave.

- **1 Samuel 24:3:** "And he came to the sheepcotes by the

way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave."

David referred to Saul as the king of Israel. (This is infuriating, because it meant David rejected the position God gave him as Israel's rightful king, and instead chose to bestow the title of king upon a man whom God had **already** taken it from).

- **1 Samuel 24:14:** "After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea."

When Abigail heard that Nabal had been rude to David's men, she took five sheep. (It appears the sheep had **already** been prepared.)

- **1 Samuel 25:18:** "Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses."

When David heard that Nabal was dead, he sent to Abigail in order to take her as his wife (even though he was **already** married to Michal).

- **1 Samuel 25:39:** "And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife."

Saul **already** knew that God had taken the kingdom of Israel away from him. Yet he refused to accept that and spent the rest of his life trying to kill David, the man who God had given the kingdom to.

- **1 Samuel 28:16-17:** "Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:"

When Saul agreed to eat, the witch at Endor didn't give him food that she **already** had in her house. Instead she made fresh food for him.

- **1 Samuel 28:24-25:** "And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night."

David wanted Michal back, even though by this point he **already** had six other wives, and Michal had become the wife of another man. (Under the Mosaic Law, that meant he couldn't take her back.)

- **2 Samuel 3:13:** "And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face."

When Joab and the servants of David came from pursuing a troop, David had **already** sent Abner away.

- **2 Samuel 3:22:** "And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace."

When David moved to Jerusalem, he took more concubines and wives (even though he **already** had seven wives before moving to Jerusalem).

- **2 Samuel 5:13:** "And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David."
- **1 Chronicles 14:3:** "And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters."

David wasn't content with the *many* wives that he **already** had. When he saw another woman washing herself (Bathsheba), he was interested in her.

- **2 Samuel 11:2-3:** "And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

After the time of mourning for Uriah had passed, David made Bathsheba his wife (even though he **already** had many other

wives).

- **2 Samuel 11:27:** "And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD."

Even though David **already** had six wives, God told him that if he wanted more then God would have given him more. (This means God didn't believe that having six wives was a violation of the Mosaic Law.)

- **2 Samuel 12:8:** "And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things."

Rehoboam was **already** the king when he asked the old men for counsel.

- **1 Kings 12:6:** "And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?"

Jeroboam thought that if the Israelites went to sacrifice to God in Jerusalem, they would want to return to Rehoboam. (However, God had **already** promised him that wouldn't happen.)

- **1 Kings 12:27:** "If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto

Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah."

When the man of God who came out of Judah spoke against the altar at Bethel, it **already** had ashes upon it.

- **1 Kings 13:3:** "And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out."

Jeroboam **already** had a son when the man of God rebuked him for his idolatry.

- **1 Kings 14:1:** "At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick."

When the prophet Ahijah talked to the wife of Jeroboam, God was **already** raising someone up who would be king over Israel and kill the entire house of Jeroboam.

- **1 Kings 14:14:** "Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now."

On mount Carmel there was **already** an altar to the Lord. However, it had become broken down.

- **1 Kings 18:30:** "And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down."

When Ahab refused to let Benhadad's servants come and take whatever they wanted from Israel, and Benhadad said that his army was larger than Ahab's army, Ahab told his messengers to tell him not to boast as if he had **already** won.

- **1 Kings 20:11:** "And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off."

When the sons of the prophets told Elisha that today was the day God was going to take Elijah away, Elisha told them that he **already** knew.

- **2 Kings 2:3:** "And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace."
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God had **already** shown Elisha that Benhadad was going to die.

- **2 Kings 8:10:** "And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die."

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When God said that He would remove Judah out of His sight, He had **already** removed Israel out of His sight.

- **2 Kings 23:27:** "And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there."

When David commanded Joab to take a census of Israel, Joab prayed that God would make the Israelites a hundred times more numerous than they **already** were. (Joab didn't want to take the census.)

- **1 Chronicles 21:3:** "And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?"

When we give to God, the things we're giving Him are things He **already** owns.

- **1 Chronicles 29:14:** "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee."

David told God that all the things they prepared for the construction of the temple **already** belonged to God.

- **1 Chronicles 29:16:** "O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own."

Solomon told Hiram that he **already** had skilled craftsmen with him in Jerusalem.

- **2 Chronicles 2:7:** "Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide."

Jehoshaphat didn't seek God's will until after he had **already** agreed to go to war with Ahab.

- **2 Chronicles 18:3-4:** "And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war. And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day."

The heads of the tribe of Ephraim understood that there was **already** fierce wrath against them from God.

- **2 Chronicles 28:13:** "And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD already, ye intend to add more to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel."

When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib intended to wage war against Jerusalem, it seems that Hezekiah built a second wall outside of Jerusalem (which **already** had one wall).

- **2 Chronicles 32:5:** "Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance."

When Sennacherib sent a message to Jerusalem, the city was **already** besieged.

- **2 Chronicles 32:10:** "Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?"

The adversaries of the Jews accused the king of sending a bunch of Jews to them. They depicted the Jews as foreigners who didn't belong in the land, and who were bothering the people who **already** lived in the land by stirring up rebellion against the king.

- **Ezra 4:12:** "Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations."

Nehemiah commanded the rich to return to the poor the real estate that the poor **already** owned, but which the rich had wrongfully taken from them.

- **Nehemiah 5:11:** "Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them."

When God gave the promised land to the Israelites, they obtained wells that had **already** been dug (along with houses, vineyards, and olive trees).

- **Nehemiah 9:24-25:** "So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would. And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness."

Mordecai told Esther that if she didn't act then the Jews would be saved but she and her father's house would be killed. (However, Esther was an orphan, her parents were **already** dead, and she was raised by Mordecai. That means the only person left in her house other than her *was Mordecai*.)

- **Esther 4:14:** "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther had **already** prepared a banquet before she came to see the king that day.

- **Esther 5:4:** "And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him."

When Haman came to see the king he had **already** prepared the gallows to hang Mordecai on.

- **Esther 6:4:** "And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him."

The wise men of Haman told him that he wouldn't prevail against Mordecai but would surely fall. They believed this because Haman had lifted himself up against the Jews and yet had **already** begun to fall before them.

- **Esther 6:13:** "And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him."

Esther asked the king for permission to hang the ten sons of Haman on the gallows (even though they were **already** dead).

- **Esther 9:10-14:** "The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand. ... Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons."

Eliphaz knew his words were going to bring grief to someone who he claimed was his friend and who was **already** in terrible pain, and yet Eliphaz decided to speak anyway (and thereby make Job's situation worse).

- **Job 4:2:** "If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?"

When Eliphaz spoke to Job, he didn't try to comfort him or offer to help him in some way. Instead the first thing he did was point out that Job was suffering (which Job **already** knew.)

- **Job 4:5:** "But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled."

Job said that Eliphaz overwhelmed the fatherless. (It's possible that Job's father may have **already** been dead when these things happened to him.)

- **Job 6:27:** "Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend."

The things Job's friends told him were nothing new. Instead they were things Job **already** knew.

- **Job 13:1-2:** "Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it. What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you."

Eliphaz was upset that Job wasn't more fearful than he **already** was.

- **Job 15:4:** "Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God."

Job told his friends that he had **already** heard the things they were telling him. Nothing that they were saying was new to him.

- **Job 16:2:** "I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all."

Bildad didn't listen to anything Job had to say, and decided to continue saying the same foolish things that he and Job's two

other friends had **already** said.

- **Job 18:2:** "How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak."

Job wanted his friends to stop causing him even more pain than he was **already** in.

- **Job 19:2:** "How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?"

Job said that it's impossible to teach God knowledge. The Lord **already** knows all things.

- **Job 21:22:** "Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high."

Job said that if he was sinful then let his children be killed (although at this point all of his children were **already** dead).

- **Job 31:8:** "Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out."

Elihu said that he wasn't going to tell Job the same things that his three friends had **already** said. Instead he was going to bring up something new.

- **Job 32:14:** "Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches."

Even before we confess our sin to God, He **already** knows about it.

- **Psalm 32:4:** "For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah."

God told the Israelites that when they offered Him sacrifices, the animals they were sacrificing to Him **already** belonged to Him.

- **Psalm 50:10:** "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

God said there will never be a time when He will look to us to satisfy one of His needs, because He **already** owns everything. The only things we could ever give him are things He already owns.

- **Psalm 50:12:** "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof."

When people are formed in the womb they're **already** sinful.

- **Psalm 51:5:** "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

One day God will greatly bless us even more than He **already** has.

- **Psalm 71:21:** "Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side."

When God brought the Hebrews out of Egypt they were **already** divided into tribes.

- **Psalm 105:37:** "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes."

The things that will be in the future have **already** been in the past.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:15:** "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."

Solomon **already** had 60 wives and 80 concubines when he entered into a relationship with his beloved.

- **Song of Solomon 6:8:** "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number."

The nation of Judah was in a terrible state long before Nebuchadnezzar came against Jerusalem and destroyed it. The Jews were **already** greatly afflicted, and yet they didn't repent.

- **Isaiah 1:5-6:** "Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."

When the devil is cast into Hell, those who are **already** there will look upon him in amazement.

- **Isaiah 14:16:** "They that see thee shall narrowly look

upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;"

The reason we don't have to be afraid is because God has **already** revealed the future to us.

- **Isaiah 44:8:** "Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any."

There are times when prophecies are written in past tense, as if they've **already** taken place, even though they're describing future events. Isaiah's prophecy about the Messiah is written in past tense, even though it's foretelling the future suffering and death of the Messiah.

- **Isaiah 53:3:** "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

The Jews were teaching wicked people to be even more wicked than they **already** were.

- **Jeremiah 2:33:** "Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways."

When God spoke to the Jews through Jeremiah the Lord had **already** cast out the tribe of Ephraim.

- **Jeremiah 7:15:** "And I will cast you out of my sight, as I

have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim."

There are times when the only thing ahead of us are even worse hardships than what we've **already** experienced.

- **Jeremiah 12:5:** "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"

By the fourth year of the reign of Jehoiakim, the prophecies of Jeremiah had **already** been written in a book.

- **Jeremiah 25:13:** "And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations."

By the fourth year of the reign of Jehoiakim, Judah was **already** under a curse (because of God's judgment against it).

- **Jeremiah 25:18:** "To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;"

Jehoiakim had **already** put a prophet to death for proclaiming the same words that Jeremiah proclaimed.

- **Jeremiah 26:20, 23:** "And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the Lord, Urijah the son of

Shemaiah of Kirjathjearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. ... And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people."

Zedekiah promised that he wouldn't give Jeremiah over to those who sought to kill him. (Since he had **already** done that once before, it seems he was promising to not do it again.)

- **Jeremiah 38:16:** "So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life."

When all the food in Jerusalem was gone and God told Zedekiah that if he surrendered then he would live and the city would be spared, he refused. Zedekiah said that he was unwilling to surrender because he was afraid the Jews who had **already** surrendered to the Chaldeans would mock him.

- **Jeremiah 38:19:** "And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me."

Jeremiah said that the Chaldeans wouldn't turn Zedekiah over to the Jews who had **already** surrendered to the Chaldeans. The king's fears of being mocked were baseless.

- **Jeremiah 38:20:** "But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I

Speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live."

When Ishmael went out to meet the 80 men who were on their way to worship God, he told them to come with him to Gedaliah. (This was a lie because he had **already** murdered Gedaliah.)

- **Jeremiah 41:6:** "And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam."

The people who were with Johanan pretended that they wanted Jeremiah to ask God what they should do. However, in reality they had **already** made up their minds. Their request was a lie because they didn't care what God had to say to them.

- **Jeremiah 42:3:** "That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do."

Jeremiah had **already** spoken to the people who were with Johanan (and they had refused to listen).

- **Jeremiah 42:21:** "And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you."

Sometimes God's punishment falls upon a nation after the

generation that triggered that judgment was **already** dead.

- **Lamentations 5:7:** "Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities."

The reason the Jews were going to reject Ezekiel is because they had **already** rejected God. Since Ezekiel was speaking the words of God (who they had rejected), they weren't going to listen to him.

- **Ezekiel 3:7:** "But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted."

Although Ezekiel was **already** in captivity in Babylon, the fall of Jerusalem at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar was still in the future.

- **Ezekiel 4:2:** "And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about."

Although some Jews were **already** in captivity at this point (such as Ezekiel), God wasn't done with Judah. The Lord was going to pour out more judgments upon that land, because the Jews who lived there were wicked and violent.

- **Ezekiel 11:11:** "This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; but I will judge you in the border of Israel:"

The Jews were **already** guilty of terrible sins in the sight of God. Adding human sacrifice to it made things far worse.

- **Ezekiel 16:20-21:** "Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter, That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?"

Some of the elders of Israel went to Ezekiel to inquire of the Lord. This is in spite of the fact they had **already** done that in the previous year (see Ezekiel 8:1 and 14:1) and God rejected them. Since that time they hadn't repented, and yet they had come again (so God rejected them again).

- **Ezekiel 20:1-3:** "And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD, and sat before me. Then came the word of the Lord unto me, saying, Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye come to enquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord God, I will not be enquired of by you."

Since the generation of Israelites which refused to enter the promised land was wicked, theyd'd not get to enter the land that God had **already** given to them. Although God didn't utterly consume them, they didn't get the land.

- **Ezekiel 20:15:** "Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;"

The Israelites were a young nation when they were in Egypt,

but they were **already** idolatrous at that point.

- **Ezekiel 23:3:** "And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity."

God repeated multiple times in this chapter that Jerusalem was going to suffer the fate that Samaria had **already** suffered.

- **Ezekiel 23:33:** "Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria."

God chose to take away something from Ezekiel that he greatly loved, in order to deliver a message to people that He had **already** told Ezekiel weren't going to listen to him or repent.

- **Ezekiel 24:16:** "Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down."

Wicked people who have **already** died are in the lower parts of the earth (in Hell).

- **Ezekiel 26:19-20:** "For thus saith the Lord God; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee; When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall

set glory in the land of the living;"

The other trees of Eden had **already** been brought to the lower parts of the earth. (This seems to be a reference to other wicked rulers, who had died and were now in Hell.)

- **Ezekiel 31:18:** "To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD."

By the time the food situation came up, Ashpenaz **already** favored Daniel.

- **Daniel 1:9:** "Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs."

This prophetic information had **already** been written down before the angel gave it to Daniel.

- **Daniel 10:21:** "But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince."

God compared Ephraim to a man who was getting gray hair but hadn't realized it yet. In other words, His judgment was **already** happening to Ephraim but the tribe didn't realize it.

- **Hosea 7:9:** "Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not."

In the prophecy of Joel, God is speaking to the future generation that had witnessed the fulfillment of that prophecy (in other words, the one that witnessed the tribulation era). He's referring to something that **already** happened to them (the tribulation), and commanding them to tell their offspring about it.

- **Joel 1:2-3:** "Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation."

The silver and gold of this world **already** belongs to God.

- **Haggai 2:8:** "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts."

In the days of Malachi the Lord had **already** cursed the priests. If they didn't change their ways then He would curse them even more.

- **Malachi 2:2:** "If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart."

God said that the Messiah "is", not "will be". The Messiah (the Lord Jesus Christ) was **already** alive when God gave this prophecy to Malachi, which is more evidence of His divine nature.

- **Malachi 3:2:** "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:"

When Joseph went to Egypt, the only people in his family were the young child (Jesus) and Mary. There's no mention of any other children being alive at this time. That's evidence against the theory that Joseph **already** had children from another marriage before he took Mary as his wife.

- **Matthew 2:14:** "When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:"

When we pray, we're telling God things that He **already** knows.

- **Matthew 6:8:** "Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

When Jesus healed the leper, great multitudes were **already** following Him.

- **Matthew 8:1-3:** "When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

The ruler who came to Jesus knew that his daughter was **already** dead.

- **Matthew 9:18:** "While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live."

More will be given to those who **already** have the truth, and he will have it in abundance.

- **Matthew 13:11-12:** "He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath."

When Herod heard of Jesus, John the Baptist was **already** dead.

- **Matthew 14:2:** "And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him."
- **Mark 6:14:** "And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him."

Jesus talked about the return of Elijah as a future event, not a past event. He said that Elijah *would* return, not that he had **already** returned. (This is speaking about Elijah's return before the tribulation.)

- **Matthew 17:11:** "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things."

That being said, Jesus *also* told His disciples that Elijah had **already** come. In this case He was speaking of John the Baptist.

- **Matthew 17:12:** "But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them."

The rich young ruler who came to Jesus seeking eternal life believed he was missing something. He thought there was something else he had to do, beyond what he had **already** done, in order to gain eternal life.

- **Matthew 19:20:** "The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?"

Even though Jesus had **already** told the chief priests and elders by what authority He acted, they ignored everything He said and asked Him anyway.

- **Matthew 21:23:** "And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?"

By the time Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray Him, Judas had **already** made arrangements to betray Him. In spite of this Judas didn't change his mind or his plans.

- **Matthew 26:21:** "And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me."

When Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray Him, they didn't suspect Judas. No one knew that Judas had **already** made arrangements with the chief priests to betray Him.

- **Matthew 26:22:** "And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?"
- **Luke 22:23:** "And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing."

When Jesus said that one of His disciples would betray Him, Judas (who had **already** gone to the chief priests to make an agreement to betray Him) asked if he was the one who would betray Him.

- **Matthew 26:25:** "Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said."

Pilate told the chief priests and Pharisees to secure the tomb of Jesus as best they could using the soldiers they **already** had. (It seems he didn't give Roman soldiers to the chief priests to secure the tomb, and they had to make due with their own men.)

- **Matthew 27:65:** "Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can."

It seems the reason the angel rolled away the stone from the tomb wasn't to let Jesus out (because He was **already** gone) but was so people could see that He was no longer in the tomb.

- **Matthew 28:6:** "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" arrived at the tomb early on the first day of the week, Jesus had **already** risen from the dead and was gone. He was no longer in the tomb.

- **Matthew 28:6:** "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Jesus didn't want to stay in Capernaum. Since He had **already** preached there, He wanted to go to other towns so He could preach in them as well.

- **Mark 1:38:** "And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth."

Jesus was **already** in a ship when He and His disciples sent away the multitude.

- **Mark 4:36:** "And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships."

When John the Baptist was executed, the disciples were **already** being called apostles.

- **Mark 6:30:** "And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught."

When Jesus and His disciples reached the desert place, there were **already** many people there.

- **Mark 6:34:** "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things."

When the Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign (after everything He had **already** done), He sighed deeply in His spirit.

- **Mark 8:12:** "And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation."

Jesus commanded His disciples to not tell anyone that He was the Messiah. (He gave this command after the people had **already** rejected Him and condemned Him as being demon possessed, which was an unforgivable sin.)

- **Mark 8:29-30:** "And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they should tell no man of him."
- **Luke 9:20-21:** "He said unto them, But whom say ye that I

am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God. And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing; "

The disciples were to make ready for Passover in a large upper room that had **already** been furnished and prepared.

- **Mark 14:15:** "And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us."

Judas ate the Passover with Jesus even though he was **already** planning on betraying Him to the chief priests.

- **Mark 14:18:** "And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me."

Jesus celebrated communion with His disciples *before* He was crucified. At that point communion was looking forward to something that Jesus was going to do, instead of remembering something Jesus had **already** done.

- **Mark 14:22-24:** "And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many."

When Joseph of Arimathaea asked for the body of Jesus, Pilate was amazed that Jesus was **already** dead.

- **Mark 15:44:** "And Pilate marvelled if he were already

dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead."

When Pilate was told that Jesus was **already** dead, he gave the body of Jesus to Joseph of Arimathaea.

- **Mark 15:45:** "And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph."

When the women reached the tomb, they saw the stone had **already** been rolled away.

- **Mark 16:4:** "And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great."

When the book of Luke was written, there were many other believers in Christ who had **already** written accounts of the life of Jesus.

- **Luke 1:1:** "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,"

One of the reasons Luke wrote this book was so that Theophilus (the high priest) could know with certainty the things he had **already** been taught (concerning the life of Jesus).

- **Luke 1:4:** "That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed."

Mary was **already** pregnant when she went to see Elisabeth.

- **Luke 1:42:** "And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

Jesus was **already** full of wisdom while He was 12 years old. At that young age He astonished people by the way He answered questions.

- **Luke 2:47:** "And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers."

Jesus expected His parents to **already** know that He had to be doing the business of God the Father.

- **Luke 2:49:** "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

When the word of God came to John the Baptist he was **already** in the wilderness.

- **Luke 3:2:** "Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness."

During the ministry of John the Baptist the people should have known that the Messiah had **already** been born, but they didn't. They missed all the signs and the literal *multitude of angels* who proclaimed the news.

- **Luke 3:15:** "And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;"

When the people of Nazareth tried to kill Jesus, He went to Capernaum (where He had **already** been previously).

- **Luke 4:31:** "And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days."

The reason Jesus pronounced woe upon those who were rich was because they **already** had their consolation. There was no great reward waiting for them in Heaven.

- **Luke 6:24:** "But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation."

The person who came from the house of Jairus didn't believe that Jesus could raise the dead. This was in spite of the fact Jesus had **already** raised the dead once before (the widow's son.)

- **Luke 8:49:** "While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master."

All things have **already** been given to Jesus by God the Father.

- **Luke 10:22:** "All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him."

The reason the lawyer asked Jesus who his neighbor was is because he wanted to justify his behavior. Instead of repenting

and doing what he knew the law said, he wanted to justify what he was **already** doing.

- **Luke 10:29:** "But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus said that He came into this world to set a fire upon the earth. However, it seems that fire had **already** been kindled before His crucifixion.

- **Luke 12:49:** "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?"

When Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath, He had **already** healed on the Sabbath previously.

- **Luke 14:3:** "And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?"

We must have discernment so that we're not led astray by false claims that the Messiah has **already** returned.

- **Luke 17:23-24:** "And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day."

Jesus told the rich young ruler that he **already** knew God's commandments.

- **Luke 18:20:** "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother."

In the parable of the talents, people didn't think it was fair that the wicked servant's money was taken from him and given to someone who **already** had ten pounds.

- **Luke 19:25:** "(And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)"

When Jesus told His disciples that they needed to be armed, they told Him they **already** had two swords.

- **Luke 22:38:** "And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough."

Jesus had **already** left the tomb before the women arrived at the tomb.

- **Luke 24:3:** "And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus."

In the beginning, the Lord Jesus was **already** with God.

- **John 1:2:** "The same was in the beginning with God."

Although the Messiah had **already** come when John the Baptist was baptizing people, He hadn't been revealed yet. He was among the people but they didn't recognize Him.

- **John 1:26:** "John answered them, saying, I baptize with

water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;"

When Jesus went to the marriage in Cana He **already** had some disciples.

- **John 2:2:** "And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage."

Jesus didn't need anyone to tell Him the truth about people because He **already** knew it.

- **John 2:25:** "And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man."

All those who don't believe in Jesus are **already** condemned for not believing in Him.

- **John 3:18:** "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Those who don't believe in Jesus **already** have the wrath of God abiding on them.

- **John 3:36:** "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

All those who believe in Jesus **already** have everlasting life. That's something they possess *right now*, not something

they'll be given in the future.

- **John 3:36:** "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."
- **John 6:47:** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

During the earthly ministry of Jesus it was **already** time for people to worship God in spirit and in truth. That's what God wanted.

- **John 4:23:** "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

Jesus told His disciples that the harvest wasn't four months away. Instead it was **already** harvest time.

- **John 4:35:** "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

During the earthly ministry of Jesus, other people had **already** sowed the seeds (of the gospel). The disciples of Jesus were benefiting from all the work that was done by others (such as John the Baptist, who prepared the way.)

- **John 4:38:** "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

There are times when Jesus asks questions that He **already** knows the answer to.

- **John 6:5-6:** "When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do."

Even though the multitude had seen Jesus perform many signs and wonders and miracles, they demanded more. They refused to believe based on the many things Jesus had **already** done.

- **John 6:30:** "They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?"

The brothers of Jesus claimed that He needed to show Himself to the world so that people would know who He was. (They said this even though He was **already** very famous and attracted enormous multitudes).

- **John 7:4:** "For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world."

Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of tabernacles after His brothers had **already** left.

- **John 7:10:** "But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret."

Jesus told people that He had **already** told them who He was (the Messiah). He had been telling them who He was from the beginning of His ministry.

- **John 8:25:** "Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning."

The Jews asked Jesus to tell them who He was, even though He had **already** told them multiple times. They simply refused to accept His answer.

- **John 8:53:** "Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?"

Jesus deliberately chose to heal the man who had been born blind on the Sabbath day, even though the religious leaders of the Jews were **already** trying to kill Him for healing people on the Sabbath. Instead of avoiding a confrontation He continued to heal on the Sabbath.

- **John 9:14:** "And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes."

The man who was born blind told the Jews that he had **already** testified about how Jesus healed him.

- **John 9:27:** "He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?"

Jesus told the man who was born blind that he had **already** seen the Son of God.

- **John 9:35-37:** "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee."

Even though Jesus had **already** told the Jews that He was the Messiah, they went to Him and asked Him to tell them plainly.

- **John 10:24:** "Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus had **already** told the Jews that He was the Messiah.

- **John 10:25:** "Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me."

Jesus had **already** told the unbelieving Jews that they weren't His sheep.

- **John 10:26:** "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you."

The Jews had **already** been scattered abroad. There were Jews living all over the world.

- **John 11:52:** "And not for that nation only, but that also he

should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad."

The disciples of Jesus should have **already** known where He was going (Heaven) and how to get there, because He had told them.

- **John 14:4:** "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

The disciples had **already** seen God the Father (because they had seen Jesus, who is the perfect image of God the Father).

- **John 14:7:** "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him."

Since Philip had seen Jesus, he had **already** seen God the Father.

- **John 14:9:** "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?"

Before the Jews told Pilate that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, Pilate was **already** afraid.

- **John 19:8:** "When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;"

The reason the soldiers didn't break the legs of Jesus was

because He was **already** dead.

- **John 19:33:** "But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:"

When Mary Magdalene visited the tomb where Jesus was buried, she saw that the stone had **already** been taken away from the tomb.

- **John 20:1:** "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre."

By the time Peter healed the lame man at the temple, Jesus had **already** been preached to the Jews.

- **Acts 3:20:** "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:"

God is in control of the actions of rulers. Even when rulers are fighting against Him, all they can do is what God has **already** determined should be done.

- **Acts 4:27-28:** "For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done."

By the time Moses was 40, he was **already** mighty in both words and deeds.

- **Acts 7:22-23:** "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel."

When God called Moses to go to Egypt to free the Hebrews, they had **already** rejected Moses.

- **Acts 7:35:** "This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush."

Ananias knew that Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) had **already** done many evil things against the church.

- **Acts 9:13:** "Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:"

When Peter arrived at Lydda there were **already** Christians there.

- **Acts 9:32:** "And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda."

When Peter fell into a trance he was **already** hungry.

- **Acts 10:10:** "And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,"

Peter believed that Cornelius **already** knew about Jesus and had heard about His ministry. (Cornelius lived in Caesarea, where Jesus did many miracles.)

- **Acts 10:37:** "That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;"

By the time Peter returned to Jerusalem, the Jews had **already** heard that Peter had gone to Cornelius and that the Gentiles had believed the gospel.

- **Acts 11:1-2:** "And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,"

Herod intended to bring Peter out to the people after Easter. This isn't a reference to the Passover because it was **already** in the past at that point. Instead it's a reference to an Edomite feast. (Herod was an Edomite.)

- **Acts 12:4:** "And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people."

When Paul preached to the churches that people had to go through much suffering in order to enter into the kingdom of God, he had **already** been stoned and left for dead.

- **Acts 14:22:** "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

God **already** knows everything He's going to do in the future.

- **Acts 15:18:** "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."

Christians have **already** been sanctified. Our sanctification is in the past, not the future.

- **Acts 20:32:** "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

The chief captain believed what Paul's nephew said about the plot to kill Paul. (Since the chief captain had **already** seen the Jews attack Paul several times by this point, it probably seemed plausible to him.)

- **Acts 23:22-23:** "So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me. And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;"

Paul told the governor that he had **already** been tried in a Jewish court and found innocent.

- **Acts 24:20:** "Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,"

By the time the ship which Paul was taking to Italy reached "The fair havens", the time of the fast (the Day of Atonement, which was in September) was **already** past.

- **Acts 27:9:** "Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,"

There was another ship **already** at the island of Melita.

- **Acts 28:11:** "And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux."

Paul used the law of Moses and the prophets to teach the Jews about Jesus and the nature of the kingdom of God. He tried to persuade them based on things that they **already** knew.

- **Acts 28:23:** "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening."

Circumcision was a sign that Abraham was saved. It was *not* responsible for saving him, because by the time he was circumcised he was **already** saved.

- **Romans 4:11:** "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that

righteousness might be imputed unto them also:"

Atonement is something we've **already** received. It's not something that still needs to be done, and it's also not something we'll accomplish ourselves.

- **Romans 5:11:** "And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

There's no need to seek to bring the Messiah down from Heaven (because He **already** came).

- **Romans 10:6:** "But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)"

There's no need to seek to raise the Messiah from the dead (because He's **already** risen from the dead).

- **Romans 10:7:** "Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)"

The gospel has **already** been revealed. It's not still hidden.

- **Romans 10:8:** "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;"

When God saves Israel, the Gentiles will be blessed even more greatly than they **already** are.

- **Romans 11:12:** "Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?"

The things that we give to God **already** belong to Him.

- **Romans 11:35-36:** "Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

Paul didn't want to preach the gospel in places where it had **already** been preached. He sought to avoid those places and instead proclaim Christ in areas where He had never been proclaimed before.

- **Romans 15:20:** "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:"

Paul knew people who were **already** in Rome.

- **Romans 16:8:** "*Greet Amplias* my beloved in the Lord."

Our sanctification is in the past. It's **already** happened.

- **1 Corinthians 1:2:** "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:"

Timothy was **already** saved, and Paul already knew him,

when Paul wrote to the Corinthian church.

- **1 Corinthians 4:17:** "For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church."

Paul expected the Corinthian church to **already** know that one day Christians will judge the entire world. He didn't think that was an obscure bit of trivia.

- **1 Corinthians 6:2:** "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

We've **already** been both sanctified and justified. That happened in the past and isn't a future event.

- **1 Corinthians 6:11:** "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

The reason Paul told a suffering and persecuted church to avoid marriage was because getting married brings problems into your life, and that church was **already** suffering. Paul was trying to spare them additional suffering.

- **1 Corinthians 7:28:** "But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you."

Paul had **already** taught the Corinthian church how communion was supposed to be carried out.

- **1 Corinthians 11:23:** "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:"

Those who genuinely call Jesus "Lord" **already** have a spiritual gift, because it's impossible to do that except by the Holy Spirit.

- **1 Corinthians 12:3:** "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

The beautiful parts of the church don't need to have more honor added to them because they **already** have honor.

- **1 Corinthians 12:24:** "For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked."

When Paul wrote to the Corinthian church there were **already** multiple churches in Asia.

- **1 Corinthians 16:19:** "The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house."

Paul **already** knew Titus before he wrote to the Corinthian church.

- **2 Corinthians 7:6:** "Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;"

Paul seemed to think it was shameful for an offering to have to be taken by the Corinthian church when he was there. Instead it was better for it to **already** be gathered when he arrived.

- **2 Corinthians 9:5:** "Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness."

When Paul was with the Corinthians, the church at Macedonia was **already** established.

- **2 Corinthians 11:9:** "And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself."

By the time that Paul wrote to the Corinthian church he had **already** been greatly persecuted. (This is one of his earliest letters).

- **2 Corinthians 11:23:** "Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft."

God has **already** blessed us with all spiritual blessings.

- **Ephesians 1:3:** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:"

We've **already** obtained an inheritance through Christ.

- **Ephesians 1:11:** "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:"

Paul speaks of us **already** being seated in heavenly places.

- **Ephesians 2:6:** "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"

The Philippian church **already** knew Timothy.

- **Philippians 2:19, 22:** "But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. ... But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel."

When Paul wrote to the Philippian church he had **already** sent Epaphroditus to them.

- **Philippians 2:25:** "Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants."

Paul didn't claim to **already** be perfect. Instead he continually sought to become more faithful to God.

- **Philippians 3:12:** "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus."

Paul didn't want to act like he had **already** obtained the resurrection. Instead he wanted to keep running the race and keep striving to be faithful.

- **Philippians 3:12:** "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus."

Regardless of what we've **already** attained, we need to press on. We can't stop running the race.

- **Philippians 3:16:** "Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

Christians **have** already been delivered from the power of the devil and translated into the kingdom of God.

- **Colossians 1:13:** "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

Paul said that in his day the gospel had **already** been preached to every creature which is under heaven.

- **Colossians 1:23:** "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;"

All of our sins have **already** been forgiven.

- **Colossians 2:13:** "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;"

Jesus has **already** triumphed over the principalities and powers of this world.

- **Colossians 2:15:** "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

Before Paul wrote this letter there were **already** believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

- **1 Thessalonians 1:7:** "So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia."

Jesus has **already** delivered us from the wrath to come.

- **1 Thessalonians 1:10:** "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."

The Thessalonian church became followers of other churches that **already** existed in Judaea at the time.

- **1 Thessalonians 2:14:** "For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:"

Paul didn't need to write to the Thessalonian church about loving one another because they **already** knew that.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:9:** "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another."

The Thessalonian Christians were **already** comforting and edifying one another. Paul urged them to continue to do that.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:11:** "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."

Paul spoke as if the antichrist **already** exists but is being hidden for now by some outside force.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:6:** "And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time."

The mystery of iniquity is **already** at work, even though the antichrist hasn't been revealed yet.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:7:** "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be

taken out of the way."

Paul believed that the Thessalonian church was **already** doing the things he wrote about in his letter, and that they would continue to do those things.

- **2 Thessalonians 3:4:** "And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you."

Paul said some young widows had **already** left the faith and turned aside after Satan.

- **1 Timothy 5:15:** "For some are already turned aside after Satan."

The error that Hymenaeus and Philetus taught was that the resurrection had **already** happened. (That's actually what Preterism teaches, and Paul *strongly* condemned it and said it was a dangerous false teaching.)

- **2 Timothy 2:18:** "Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."

The act of teaching heresy condemns the heretic. Since that person has **already** been condemned, the church must separate from them.

- **Titus 3:11:** "Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself."

Paul didn't list the people who were with him when he wrote his letter to Titus. He seemed to think Titus **already** knew who they were.

- **Titus 3:15:** "All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen."

Paul was willing to take on the debts of others while he was a prisoner. He was willing to suffer on behalf of others at the very time he was **already** suffering greatly for the sake of the gospel.

- **Philemon 1:18:** "If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;"

Those who are saved have **already** been sanctified.

- **Hebrews 2:11:** "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,"

The recipients of the book of Hebrews had apparently been Christians for some time. The author expected them to **already** know the basics, and yet they didn't.

- **Hebrews 5:12:** "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."

If Jesus were still in this world He wouldn't be a priest, because there were **already** Levitical priests who offered gifts to God according to the Law of Moses.

- **Hebrews 8:4:** "For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:"

The inheritance that God has given us is **already** there. It's been reserved in Heaven for us.

- **1 Peter 1:4:** "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,"

When Peter wrote his first letter, the gospel had **already** been preached to the letter's recipients.

- **1 Peter 1:12:** "Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

The redemption of Christians is in the past. It's **already** been accomplished.

- **1 Peter 1:18-19:** "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

God has **already** destroyed the entire world once (in the great flood), along with everyone who lived in it.

- **2 Peter 3:6:** "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished."

Peter expected the church to **already** know all the things he talked about in his letter. He expected this to be basic knowledge.

- **2 Peter 3:17:** "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."

Jesus is an eternal being. He **already** existed in the beginning and He had no beginning Himself.

- **1 John 1:1:** "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;"

Our sins have **already** been forgiven. Our forgiveness occurred in the past and is done.

- **1 John 2:12:** "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake."

Since there are **already** many people who were against Christ, that means it's the last time.

- **1 John 2:18:** "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

Although Christians are **already** the sons of God, we don't know what we'll ultimately become. At some point we'll be changed into something more than what we are now, but that change hasn't happened yet.

- **1 John 3:2:** "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

The reason we can know for sure that Christians **have** already passed from death unto life is because Christians love one another. (That's one of the signs of genuine salvation.)

- **1 John 3:14:** "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

Christians have **already** passed from death unto life. That's not something which will happen in the future, but is something that's happened in the past.

- **1 John 3:14:** "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

The spirit of antichrist is **already** in this world.

- **1 John 4:3:** "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

God has **already** given us eternal life. That's not something we will receive in the future, but is something we have right now.

- **1 John 5:11:** "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Our sanctification has **already** been accomplished. We *are* sanctified.

- **Jude 1:1:** "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:"

The faith has **already** been delivered to us. The process of the divine revelation of the truths of the gospel is over.

- **Jude 1:3:** "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Jesus has made us both kings and priests unto God the Father. This is past tense, meaning it has **already** happened.

- **Revelation 1:6:** "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Jesus told the church at Smyrna that they were going to suffer even more persecution than they **already** had. Instead of

getting better, things were going to get worse.

- **Revelation 2:10:** "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

In Revelation 4, the 24 elders in Heaven were wearing crowns of gold. Since those crowns are rewards for service, that means the church had **already** received its reward at this point. Therefore that chapter must take place *after* Christians stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

- **Revelation 4:4:** "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold."

Since the rapture takes place before the tribulation, that means the events of Revelation 12 take place before the events of chapter 4 (because in chapter 4 the church is **already** in Heaven).

- **Revelation 12:5:** "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

The marriage of the Lamb takes place in Heaven at the end of the tribulation period. (This is more evidence that the church is **already** in Heaven at that time.)

- **Revelation 19:7:** "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and

his wife hath made herself ready."

When God creates the new heaven and the new earth, the city of the new Jerusalem is **already** in Heaven.

- **Revelation 21:2:** "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."
- **Revelation 21:10:** "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,"

God said that "it is done". (From God's perspective, everything in the book of Revelation has **already** happened. The future is certain.)

- **Revelation 21:6:** "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."